(d) I. V. Fluids are generally used in serious clinical conditions. There is statutory caution on the label that I. V. Fluids should be checked visually before use and not to use any I. V. Fluids containing contaminants/fungus.

तेल टैंकरों को भारी भुगतान किए जाने के कारण घाटा

2451. **श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 24 नवम्बर, 1992 के "स्टेट्समैन" में "गवर्नमेंट लूजिंग हेविली आन पेमेन्ट्स टू आयल टैंकर्स" शीर्षक से छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों से कच्चा तेल भारत में लाने के लिए दिया जाने वाला भाड़ा सामान्यतया बाजार भाव से अधिक दिया जा रहा है ; यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में दिये जा रहे अधिक भाड़े की राशि कितनी है ;

(ग) भाड़े की दरों को सामान्य स्तर पर लाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री वी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (घ) भारतीय क्रूड परिवहनकर्त्ता इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की वर्तमान नीति के अनुरूप लागत प्लस आधार पर लगाए जाते हैं और इसलिए किसी प्रकार की क्षति का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Exploration of Natural Gas in Bihar

2452. SHRI ASHIS SEN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation in the Eighth Five Year Plan for Bihar to explore natural gas; and

(b) whether Purnea is a potential area for natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARNAND) : (a) About Rs. 16 crores have been earmarked for seismic surveys besides the cost of drilling the well at Kadmaha.

(b) No reserves of hydrocarbons have been established in Purnea so far.

Additional Gas to Fertilizer Plants at Jagdishpur & Aonla (U.P.)

2453.. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

by when the gas based fertilizer plants at Jagdishpur and aonla in Uttar Pradesh are likely to be allocated additional gas so as to enable them to double their capacities as planned ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :

While additional allocation has already been made to IFFCO, Aonla, no such allocation of gas for Indo-Gulf, Jagdishpur could be made on account of non-availability.

L.P.G. Connections

2454. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that orders are delayed for issue of new L.P.G. connections on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any new proposal is under Government's consideration for sanction of L.P.G. agencies; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether prescribed norms are not being followed while sanctioning new L.P.G. agency; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) While most of LPG connections sanctioned under MP's quota are released promptly by Oil Companies, delay occurs in some connections due to incomplete/wrong address, letters returned/undelivered, etc.

(c) Oil Industry has been asked to submit a revised LPG Marketing Plan for sanctioning new LPG agencies, for consideration of Government.

(d) Prescribed norms are being followed.

(e) Does not arise.

Complaints against the L.P.G. Distribution System

2455. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are widespread and varied complaints against the L.P.G. distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints received in this regard and action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to frame new deterant rules to check the irregularities in this regard, if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) There are some complaints of irregularities. Corrective action is taken by oil companies to prevent such acts. At present there are no proposals to frame new rules.

Balance of Pool Account

2456. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the remarks in para 7.3 of the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Union Government No. 7 (Commercial) of 1989; and

(b) if so, what is the balance of pool Account as on 31st March, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Balance of Pool Account as on 31st March, 1992 Rs. 5128.18 crores.

Demand for Hike in rates of Royalty on Crude Oil from Crude Oil Production States

2457. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat, Assam and other crude producing State have been demanding a hike in the rates of royalty on crude oil;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, their demands, indicating the extent of increase demanded by them; and

(c) what decision has since been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The fixation of the rate of royalty on crude oil for the period 1-4-1990 to 31-3-1993 is under consideration of Government.

Setting up of Hydro-Carbon Cracker Reactor

2458. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's first hydro-carbon cracker reactor has been commissioned at the Gujarat Refinery in Baroda;